

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed in order to insert a cross-reference to the parent application and to replace the claims of the parent application with new claims. The parent application, number 09/337,403, was filed on June 21, 1999, in order to seek reissue of U.S. Patent 5,677,929.

A copy of a paper entitled "Assent Of Assignee To Reissue" that was filed in the parent application is attached to this Preliminary Amendment. Additionally, attached is a copy of a paper entitled "Offer To Surrender Original Patent" that was also filed in the parent application. The original letters patent document for U.S. Patent 5,677,929 was surrendered on September 21, 2000. Also attached is a copy of a paper entitled "Request For Abstract Of Title" that was filed in the parent application.

Papers entitled "Information Disclosure Statement" and "Claim For Priority" are being submitted concurrently.

Examination of the present reissue application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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